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SUBJECT: OMEGA NAVIGATION STATION LIBERIA DEDICATION CEREMONY

1. IN APRIL 1973, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OMEGA NAVIGATION STATION IN LIBERIA. CONSTRUCTION OF THE U.S. BUILT STATION IS COMPLETE AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION IS UNDERWAY.

2. THE OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM, DEVELOPED BY THE U.S., IS THE FIRST AND ONLY WORLD WIDE NAVIGATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE ECONOMIC REACH OF SHIPS, SMALL CRAFT AND AIRCRAFT OF ALL NATIONS. THE SYSTEM IS UNDER MULTI-NATIONAL SPONSORSHIP WITH THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACTING AS TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE. LIBERIA IS ONE OF SEVEN NATIONS ACTUALLY SHARING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A STATION. OTHER NATIONS INCLUDE ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, JAPAN, AND NORWAY.

3. A DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE LIBERIA STATION IS NOW BEING PLANNED AND A TENTATIVE DATE OF 10 DECEMBER 1975 HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. DR. WILLIAM R. TOLBERT JR., PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA IS BEING INVITED AND EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

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4. IN VIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THE OMEGA

SYSTEM, AND A DESIRE TO MANIFEST LIBERIA-AMERICAN
COOPERATION IN BUILDING THE LIBERIA STATION, EMBASSY AND
OMEGA OFFICIALS IN MONROVIA FEEL IT APPROPRIATE THAT A
PROMINENT U.S. OFFICIAL PARTICIPATE WITH LIBERIAN
PRESIDENT IN THE DEDICATION. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS
DEPARTMENT CONSIDER SENDING HIGH USG OFFICIAL FROM EITHER
STATE OR TRANSPORTATION. SINCE THIS U.S. DEVELOPED SYSTEM
FALLS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
SECRETARY COLEMAN WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN IDEAL CANDIDATE.

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